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OCCUPANCY RATE OF ESI HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ESI hospitals in the country at present;

(b) the average occupancy rate of all ESI hospitals, hospital-wise;

(c) whether the rate of occupancy is coming down in these hospitals;

(d) if so, whether any efforts have been made to improve the services of such hospitals to attract patients; and

(e) the steps proposed to enhance the occupancy rate in ESI hospitals in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) : 138.

(b) : The average occupancy rate of ESI hospitals is about 52%. As number of ESI hospitals is large it is some-what diffficult to give their individual rate of occupancy.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) & (e) : The responsibility for administration of medical care under the ESI Scheme vests in the State Governments/Union Territory administrations except in Delhi and Noida wherei t is being administered directly by the ESIC.The ESIC has prescribed norms/guidelines for staffing and equipments i n the ESI hospitals/dispensaries.However, recently in order to improve health care facilities in ESI hospitals/dispensaries, the ESIC has formulated an Action Plan and forwardedthe same to State Governments for implementation. The Action Plan includes, inter-alia, provision of modern equipment system i n hospitals, availability o f basic equipments in dispensaries, establishment of regional trauma centres, establishment o f super speciality services, blood banks, cancer treatment centres, development of indigenous system of medicines, development of tie-up arrangements with reputed medical institutions etc. Under the Action Plan the ESIChas sanctioned medical equipments worth Rs.42.00 Crore to various State Governments.